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I believe that the settlement that has been made in the Microsoft case is both an insufficient remedy of past wrongs and will be an abismal failure as an attempt to stem future wrong doings. The primary problem is that as a result of their anti-competitive business practiced, Microsoft now enjoys a strangle hold on the operating system web browser markets as well as the large and growing influence of their media player and other software. The settlement seems geared to setup rules for oversight over future business practices, but lacks any punitive portion for past acts, which must be included to dissuade Microsoft, and other corporate giants, from using similar methods in the future. More over, without reversing or negating some of these ill gotten gains, it is inevitable that Microsoft will only grow in prominence and control over the marketplace. This situation is bad for consumers and for innovation. I strongly urge you to review the comments of Ralph Nader, in his recent open letter on the subject, for a more detailed and insightful evaluation of the situation, and I hope that you will instead seek a stronger and more effective remedy in the Microsoft case than the current settlement.

Sincerely,

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